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REPORTS ON CONTROL OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES IN NORTHEAST

DISEASE PREVENTION IMPROVES -- Ta Kung Pao, 5 Dec 49

Pei-p'ing, 2 December (NCNA) -- There were 417 persons affected with contagious diseases in Che-li-mu League, Jehol, Kirin, Heilungkiang, and Limosi in 1949. This is only 7.6 percent of last year's total. The number of deaths from the above diseases totaled 250. This is only 11 percent of last year. There were no cholera outbreak this year. Minor dysentry and diphtheria catbreaks occurred but were checked in time.

The success of disease prevention is attributed to the early mobilization of the satiplygue units, the friendly assistance of the Soviet antiplague personnel, and the widespread employment of preventive measures.

More than 3,860,000 persons received antiplague shot; 2,420,000 received cholera shots, and 1,430,000 were vaccinated this year. In addition, 14,590,000 flea-bearing animals were destroyed; this figure is ten times that of 1948.

SOVIET ANTIPLACUE TEAM GIVES REPORT -- To Kung Pao. 24 Hov 49

Pei-ping, 22 Movember (MCNA) - The Central Antiplague Committee held its third meeting today in Pei-ping to hear the reports of the Soviet antiplague sctivities in North Chahar in 1949.

The meeting was attended by Tung Pi-wu, Li Te-chuan, Ch'ang Ho-ch'eng, Yang Ch'i-ch'ing, Huang Shao-humg, and antiplague officials from North and Northeast Cnina, Chahar, and Pei-p'ing.

Tung Pi-wu presided. Dr Rogozin and Dr Maiskiy gave the reports.

Dr Rogozin, who is a professor at the Moscow State Medical Institute and a Stalin-prize winner, gave the following summary of the plague prevention work in North China:

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"The three requirements in combating plague are: (1) make accurate diagnoses; (2) discover the source of the outtreak; (3) study the extent of the epidemic.

"The epidemic was checked in half a month because of the wholehearted assistance rendered by the Chinese antiplague personnel. The public health committees, organized previously to meet any such eventuality, also helped a great deal.

"The efficient traffic control and quarantine of the plague areas also contributed considerably to checking the epidemic.

"The chemicals used for disinfecting were very effective. Our method is far superior to that used by the Japanese. The Japanese method, which prevents epidemic by burning the house occupied by the plague victim, not only is expensive but does not actually prevent epidemic since flea-bearing rats escape and continue to spread the disease.

"We recommend that you carry out the following procedure in combating plague: (1) administer preventive inoculation to all people within a 15-kilometer radius from the center of the plague outbreak; (2) report immediately all desths occurring within the plague areas so that antiplague personnel can swiftly carry out necessary preventive work; (3) the Ministry of Public Health of the Central People's government should coordinate all work of the antiplague units in order to check the epidemic within 10 to 15 days; and (4) capture and destroy all flea-carrying animals, burn all grassy areas, clean-up wasteland where rats are likely to be.

"I believe the Central People's government is now fully equipped and ready to combat any future plague outbreak."

Dr Maiskiy reviewed his team's antiplague work in Northeast China this year.

CHECKS ANIMAL EPIDE-IC -- Hua-ch'iso Jih-pao, 8 Dec 49

Pei-p'ing, 25 November (NCNA) -- The animal epidemic which has ravaged more than 20 hain in Erpeh, P'ing-yuan, Suiyuan, and Shansi provinces, has been checked by the heroic action of veterinary personnel. The first outbreak occurs and at the beginning of autumn 1949.

Many volunteers assisted various local veterinarian corps in antiplague work. The plague districts were quarantined and many preventive inoculations were administered. As a result, deaths of animals were cut to a minimum.

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